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AND IMAGE FORMING)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of listed documents (3) to (5) are also enclosed. Copies of listed documents (1) and (2) are not enclosed pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55.

(1) U.S. Patent No. 6,222,661

(2) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0179827 A1

(3) Japan 11218699

(4) Japan 2000206445

(5) E. Grann, et al., "Artificial uniaxial and biaxial dielectrics with use of two-dimensional subwavelength binary gratings", J. Opt. Soc. Am., vol. 11, No. 10, pp. 2695 to 2703 (1994).

The following article is being disclosed herein, but a copy is not available.

(6) "Principle of Optics III", Tokai University Press, p. 1030.

Document (3) is discussed at page 7, line 23, to page 8, line 13, of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Document (4) is discussed at page 6, lines 17 to 24, of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Document (5) is discussed at page 22, lines 19 to 23, of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

Document (6) is discussed at page 6, line 25, to page 7, line 13, of the specification and might be deemed pertinent for the reasons given there.

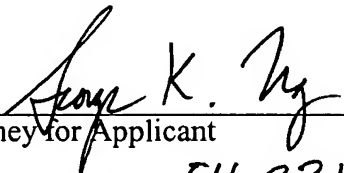
In addition, English-language abstracts for cited Japanese documents (3) and (4) are enclosed. The abstracts and relevant portions of the specification are believed to provide an explanation of relevance of the Japanese documents to the subject application.

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

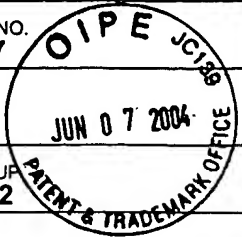
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		2002/0179827	12/02	Kimura	250	234		
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